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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 1641

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR, SF, US

SUBJ: SAUNDERS INCIDENTS

REF: (A) STATE 068077; (B) PRETORIA 1205

1. DURING APRIL 18 CONVERSATION WITH FONSEC FOURIE (REPORTED SEPTTEL), AMBASSADOR TOOK OCCASION TO REMIND HIM THAT WE WERE STILL CONCERNED OVER SAUNDERS INCIDENTS AND THAT WE WERE STILL AWAITING SAG RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE OF APRIL 8.

2. FOURIE REFERRED TO MINISTER'S MARCH 21 EXPRESSION OF REGRET AND NOTED THAT SUCH INCIDENTS CERTAINLY "CONTRARY TO SAG POLICY." SAG WOULD CONTINUE TRY VERY HARD TO AVOID THEM BUT HOPED USG WOULD BE UNDERSTANDING OF OBVIOUS HUMAN FAILINGS INVOLVED AND SAG INABILITY TO ALTER OVERNIGHT TRADITIONS AND HABITS OF GENERATIONS. SAG COULD NOT, FOURIE NOTED, "SHOOT THE HOTEL MANAGER RESPONSIBLE." HE PARTICULARLY HOPED FOR USG PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING IN LIGHT LONG AND PAINFUL HISTORY OF SIMILAR RACIAL INCIDENTS IN US.

3. AMBASSADOR SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD HUMAN PROBLEM INVOLVED. HOWEVER, SAG LAWS APPEARED SUPPORT RATHER THAN INHIBIT

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INSTIGATORS OF SUCH INCIDENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE THEREFORE

BELIEVED IT INCUMBENT UPON SAG TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS WERE  
NECESSARY TO PREVENT RECURRENCE, INCLUDING SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS  
TO HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGERS, ETC. GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE  
IN NUMBER OF BLACK AMERICAN VISITORS TO SA, INCLUDING MANY  
ABOUT WHICH WE ARE TOTALLY UNINFORMED, IT IMPRACTICAL TO ASSUME  
EMBASSY OR CONSTITUENT POSTS COULD ALWAYS "PAVE THE WAY" FOR  
SUCH VISITORS. HE AGAIN URGED SAG TO FOCUS ON WHOLE QUESTION  
TO PREVENT WHAT OTHERWISE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BECOME AN  
INCREASING IRRITANT IN USG-SAG BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
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